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REFERENCE TO: MISSION 1107 NEW RAIL CONSTRUCTION
EAST-CENTRAL CHINA

1. SIGNIFICANCE: UPON COMPLETION, THIS RAIL LINE WILL DRASTICALLY
REDUCE TRANSPORTATION TIME BETWEEN CHUNGCHING AND
SUCH POINTS TO THE EAST AS WUHAN AND CHENGCHOU.
2. LOCATION: EAST-CENTRAL CHINA
3. REMARKS: THIS NEW RAIL LINE CUTS MILEAGE IN HALF BETWEEN
CHUNGCHING AND EAST CHINA. PRESENTLY THE RAIL
DISTANCE BETWEEN CHUNGCHING AND WUHAN IS 1,320
MILES. THE NEW RAIL LINE WILL REDUCE THE MILEAGE
BETWEEN THESE CITIES TO APPROXIMATELY 640 MILES.
4. MISSION READOUT: FOUR AREAS OF ACTIVE RAIL CONSTRUCTION ARE OBSERVED.
AREA 1 IS IN THE VICINITY OF CHUNGCHING. CONSTRUCTION OF THE LINE IN THIS
AREA BEGAN IN AUGUST 1968. THIS MISSION REVEALS THAT THE NEW LINE WILL
CONNECT WITH THE EXISTING CHUNGCHING-CHENG TU RAIL LINE AT 29-21N 106-22E
AND IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION NORTH TO 29-48N 106-27E. BETWEEN 29-31N 106-22E
AND 29-43N 106-23E AN EXISTING METER-GAUGE LINE IS BEING IMPROVED AND
WIDENED TO STANDARD GAUGE. A WORK BRIDGE AND A RAIL BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION
SPAN THE CHIALING CHIANG (RIVER) AT 29-48N 106-27E (INSET 1, 1104-1 6

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AREA 2 IS IN THE VICINITY OF TAHSIEN. IN NOVEMBER 1968, A BRIDGE PIER UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND SLIGHT SCARRING WAS OBSERVED AT 31-25N 107-47E. THIS MISSION REVEALS PRELIMINARY ROADBED GRADING, BRIDGE PIER CONSTRUCTION, PROBABLE TUNNEL CONSTRUCTION, AND NUMEROUS CONSTRUCTION CAMPS ALONG A 50 NAUTICAL MILE AREA BETWEEN 30-48N 107-00E AND 31-25N 107-47E (NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC).

AREA 3 IS IN THE VICINITY OF KUANGHUA. ON PHOTOGRAPHY OF DECEMBER 1968 A BRIDGE WAS FIRST OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT 32-14N 111-41E. THIS MISSION REVEALS THE BRIDGE COMPLETE AND THAT PRELIMINARY GRADING FOR THE ROADBED HAS STARTED. GRADING EXTENDS FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH THE EXISTING LINE AT 32-14N 111-13E GENERALLY WESTWARD TO 32-17N 111-29E (INSET 2

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AREA 4 IS BETWEEN TAHO AND NANYANG. NO CONSTRUCTION WAS OBSERVED ON THIS SEGMENT PRIOR TO JULY 1969. CONSTRUCTION NOW EXTENDS FROM TAHO AT 33-34N 114-01E SOUTHWEST TO NANYANG AT 33-01N 112-30E. FROM 33-01N 112-30E TO 33-27N 113-16E CONSTRUCTION GENERALLY FOLLOWS A PREVIOUSLY ABANDONED RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT (INSET 3, AND THEN FOLLOWS A NEW ALIGNMENT (INSET 4, TO 33-34N 114-01E.

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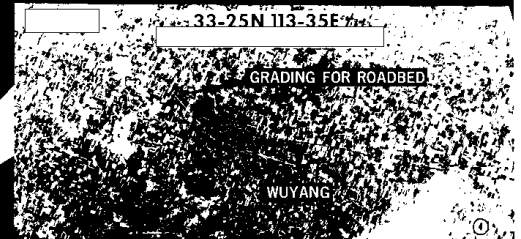
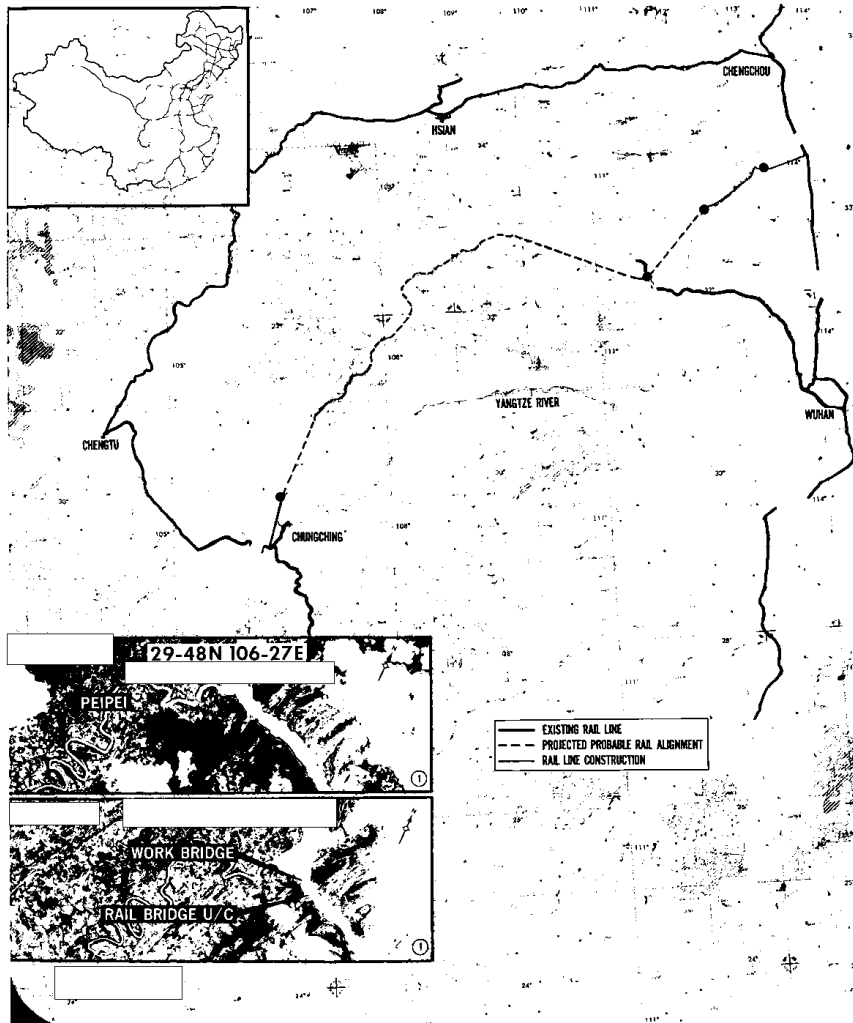
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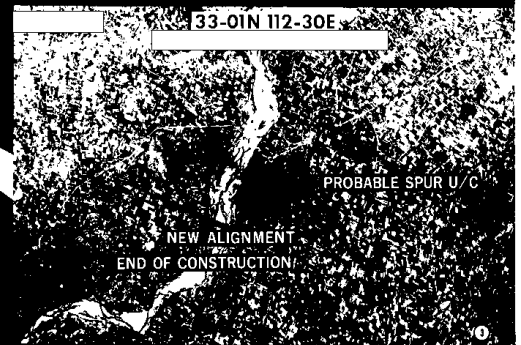
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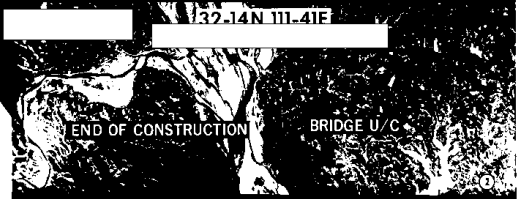
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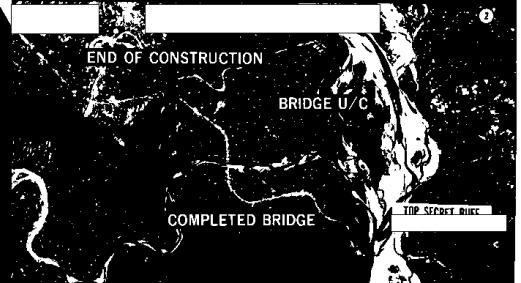
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